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5 Patent Claims

- 1. An inorganic scintillating mixture comprising at least a first and a second component each having a characteristic behaviour in response to the irradiation with charged particles, such as protons and heavy ions, showing a typical Bragg peak with respect to a relative depth dose; said first component having a quenching characteristic in the bragg peak region and said second component showing an increased efficiency in the bragg peak region both related to a reference curve for the relative dose.
- Inorganic scintillating mixture according to claim 1, characterized in that as the first component Gadolinium-Oxy-Sulfid (Gd₂O₂S:Tb) and as the second component Zinc-Cadmium-Sulfid (Zn,Cd)S:Ag is comprised.
 - 3. Inorganic scintillating mixture according to claim 2, characterized in that
- 25 the content of Gd_2O_2S :Tb is in the range of 60 to 90 %wt and the content of (Zn,Cd)S:Ag is in the range of 10 to 40 %wt.
 - 4. Inorganic scintillating mixture according to claim 3, characterized in that
- 30 the content of Gd_2O_2S :Tb is in the range of 75 to 85 %wt and the content of (Zn,Cd)S:Ag is in the range of 15 to 25 %wt.
- 5. An inorganic scintillating mixture comprising at least a first, a second and a third component, whereby the first and the second component having a characteristic behaviour in response to the irradiation with charged particles, such as

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protons and heavy ions, showing a typical Bragg peak with respect to a relative depth dose;

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said first component having a squenching characteristic in the bragg peak region and said second component showing an increased efficiency in the Bragg peak region in comparison to a reference curve for the relative dose and said third component has a binder characteristic in order to hold the first and the second component in a desired mechanical shape.

- 10 6. An inorganic scintillating mixture according to claim 5, characterized in that as the first component Gadolinium-Oxy-Sulfid (Gd₂O₂S:Tb), as the second component Zinc-Cadmium-Sulfid (Zn,Cd)S:Ag and as the third component an optical cement is comprised.
- 7. Inorganic scintillating mixture according to claim 6, characterized in that the content of the optical cement is in the range of 20 to 60 %wt, the content of $Gd_2O_2S:Tb$ is in the range of 30 to 60 %wt and the content of (Zn,Cd)S:Ag is in the range of 05 to 30 %wt.
 - 8. Inorganic scintillating mixture according to claim 7, characterized in that
- the content of the optical cement is in the range of 35 to 45 %wt, the content of Gd_2O_2S :Tb is in the range of 43 to 53 %wt and the content of (Zn,Cd)S:Ag is in the range of 07 to 17 %wt, preferably 40 resp. 48 resp. 12 %wt.
- 9. Sensor assembly (30) for charged particle dosimetry, such as proton or heavy ion dosimetry, comprising:
 a three-dimensional array of sensor heads (12);
 each sensor head (12) being located on one end of an optical fibre (16); the opposite end of the optical fibre (16) being associated with an optical light intensity measuring assembly (20);

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each sensor head (12) and at least partially its optical fibre (16) are inserted into a respective cavity (42) located in a holder member (22).

- 5 10. Sensor assembly (30) according to claim 9, characterized in that the holder member (22) is a substantially cylindrical shaped organic body; said cavity (42) is oriented along its longitudinal axis and has a depth aligned with the desired sensor head's position in said three-dimensional array.
- 11. Sensor assembly (30) according to claim 9 or 10, characterized in that the holder members (22) are attached in a holder block (32) generating a regular pattern of the sensor heads (12) as seen in a direction parallel to the longitudinal axis of the holder members (22).
- 12. Sensor assembly (30) according to claim 11,
 20 characterized in that
 the regular pattern is a hexagonal pattern allowing to
 accommodate the sensor heads (12) relative to its adjacent
 sensor heads (12) in an equidistantial manner.
- 13. Sensor assembly (30) according to claim 11 or 12, characterized in that the holder block (32) is related with a stopper member (36) being disposed opposite to the holder block (32) assuring that each tip of the holder member (22) is oriented with a distinct distance from the holder block (32) as seen along the longitudinal axis of the holder member (22).
 - 14. Sensor assembly (30) according to claim 9 to 13, characterized in that
- the holder member (22) comprises a annular notch (38) being associated with a sealing ring (36) disposed in the holder block (32) or on the notch (38).

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15. Sensor assembly (30) according to any of the preceding claims 9 to 14, characterized in that the sensor head (12) has a cylindrical shape and preferably comprises a mixture containing optical cement, Gd₂O₂S:Tb and (Zn,Cd)S:Ag.

- 16. Sensor assembly (30) according to claim 15, characterized in that
- 10 the sensor head (12) has a diameter in the range of 1 to 5 mm and a height in the range of 1 to 5 mm.
 - 17. Sensor assembly (30) according to claim 15 or 16, characterized in that
- the surface of the sensor head opposite to the surface connected to the optical fibre is layered with a reflexion film (44).
- 18. Sensor assembly (30) according to any of the preceding claims 9 to 17, characterized in that the three-dimensional array is disposed in a cuboid sensor volume in a manner that the sensor head positions are defined in a plane substantially parallel to the (111)-plane in a crystal having a cuboid pattern.
- 19. Use of a scintillating mixture according to any of the claims 1 to 8 as a component in a phosphor screen in order to avoid quenching correction.
- 20. Use of a scintillating mixture according to any of the claims 1 to 8, whereby the composition is chosen in order to match a required physical or biological dose model that needs a specific peak-to-entrance ratio so to measure the physical as well as the biological equivalent dose.

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21. Use of a scintillating mixture according to any of the claims 1 to 8, in order to gain dose-related data as a basis

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for a design or the verification of a therapy model in a medical application, such as intensity modulated proton therapy and intensity modulated heavy ion therapy, such as carbon ion therapy.

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